(c) Bureau Fax Service will be provided in 52 Telegraph Offices.

(d) Message and Phonogram Concentrators have already been commissioned in Pune, Nagpur and Nasik during 89-90 and 90-91

Radio Station, Hazaribagh

530. SHRI BHUBANESHWAR PRASAD MEHTA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a radio station is ready for commission in Hazaribagh district headquarter but has not started functioning because it has not been inaugurated; and

(b) if so, the time by which the Government propose to commission the same?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) and (b). The Local Radio Station at Hazaribagh is technically ready for commissioning. The station is envisaged to be commissioned into service once the minimum essential staff required for operation and maintenance of the station is actually in position.

Problems of Minorities

531. SHRI GOPINATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the problems of minorities in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government for the solution of their problems; and

(d) what are the welfare measures adopted and proposed to be adopted for minority in the country?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The 15 point programme is being implemented for the Welfare of Minorities.

A statement is attached.